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A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) & (*f*) The Government will call for the information.

(*e*) There is no proposal before Government to close the Ice House Hostel.

Grants to the Seva Sadan in Mylapore.

*350 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are giving a grant to the Seva Sadan in Mylapore;

(*b*) whether the Seva Sadan is an institution similar to the Government Hostel for Widows;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what is the necessity for having three institutions of the same kind for widows in Madras;

(*d*) whether the Government has any institutions of this kind in the mufassal; and

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the desirability of closing one of these institutions in the city and starting some in the districts?

A.—(*a*) The Seva Sadan, Mylapore, is receiving grants from the Industries Department in respect of the industrial section of the institution. An application for grants in respect of its educational section is under the consideration of the Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No. The Governm nt are maintaining a hostel for widows in connexion with the Queen Mary's High School for Girls at Vizagapatam.

(*e*) The hon. Member's reference is perhaps to the Sarada Ladies' Home, the Seva Sadan and the Ice House Hostel. The first two are under private management.

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Public Health

Supply of drinking water to Salem town from the Mettur Project.

351 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state at what stage the question of supplying drinking water to Salem town from Cauvery-Mettur Project stands?

A.—The financing of the scheme is being considered.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" As the time for questions has passed, the Council will proceed to the next item on the agenda." 12 noon.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.**]

III

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE MALABAR TENANCY BILL.

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

'*that Messrs. E. Sankaran Unni and A. Achuthan, Members of this Council, be added to the Select Committee appointed on the* 6*th August* 1929 *to consider the Malabar Tenancy Bill* (*Bill No.* 9 *of* 1929).' "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I second the motion, Sir."

Mr. MUPPIL NAYAR OF KAVALAPPARA :—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

'*That the following names be added to the list of members of the Select Committee on the Malabar Tenancy Bill* :—

(1) *Mr T. C. Srinivasa Ayyangar.*
(2) *Raja of Kallikote.*
(3) *Kumararaja of Venkatagiri.*
(4) *The Zamindar of Seithur.*' "

The ZAMINDAR OF SINGAMPATTI :—" I second the motion, Sir."

* Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, I am very sorry that I have to oppose the motion made by the hon. Friend Mr. Kavalappara Muppil Nayar. You know, Sir, that we have been for some time past experiencing difficulties in the constitution of Select Committees. For instance, the Mover of a Bill proposes the names of certain members and places the motion before the Council and when it comes up for consideration by the Council, other names are indiscriminately suggested by other members, with the result that the Select Committee becomes unwieldy and ceases to be properly representative or fit to consider the question. Every one in the Council is anxious to remove that difficulty. It is with that object we have been for some time past attempting to make a convention in this House to suggest names in consultation with the Leaders of parties and then place the list before the Council. We succeeded in this effort so far as the Malabar Tenancy Bill was concerned. For this Select Committee, Leaders of parties were consulted and the names that were proposed by the mover were names that were approved by all parties in the House. If any Member had any objection or if they wanted that more names should be added to the Committee, they ought to have suggested the names to the Mover of the Bill or to their leader or could have mentioned it in the House at the time. Nothing of that sort was done. I know, as a matter of fact, that several members of my party who wanted to be on the Select Committee had to subordinate their desire to the wish of the party. It was under such circumstances that the Committee was constituted and it was also placed before the Council and passed on the understanding that the two expert Members who were not then sworn in and who could only come in later, would be added on to the list of members for the Select Committee. That was the only understanding then. Now the hon. Mr. Campbell has made a motion to add the said two special members to the Select Committee. I do not now